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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the fact that the Attorney Docket Number was changed to M4065.0802/P802 along with the Revocation of Power of Attorney and New Power of Attorney submitted on January 31, 2003. It is requested that all future correspondence contain this new Attorney Docket Number.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 21, 2006 (copy attached), Applicants have renumbered the claims to remedy the skipped claim 7. On October 5, 2006, the Examiner instructed Applicants' representative to renumber the claims and adjust the dependencies to address the concern raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The remarks below reflect the new claim numbering.

By this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-17, 19-20, and 40-41 have been amended. New claims 40-41 have been added. Claims 3, 10-14, and 16 have been withdrawn, but are also currently amended. Claims 6, 18, and 21-39 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-17, 19-20, and 40-41 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

The statement that claims 6-9, and 18-20 (formerly claims 6, 8-10, and 19-21) are allowable if rewritten in independent form is gratefully acknowledged. Independent claims 1 and 15 have been rewritten to include limitations, respectively, of claims 6 and 18, with an omission in claim 1 of the source-follower transistor as an n-MOS transistor, and additional clarifying amendments. Claims 2-5, 7-14, 16-17, 19-20, and 40-41 have been amended in minor fashion. Accordingly, the claims are now in condition for allowance.

As previously noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are Application No.: 09/527,422 Docket No.: M4065.0802/P802

written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 1 and 15 (formerly claim 16) are generic. Accordingly, upon the allowance of either generic claim 1 or 15, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider claims to non-elected species (i.e., claims 3, 10-14, and 16).

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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